

Application No.: 09/986346

Case No.: 54135US011


REMARKS

Claims 16-17, 19-25, 41, 43-47, 49-54, 64, 66-70, 72-96, 100-104, and 108-120 remain pending in this application.

The Examiner indicated that claims 99, 107, and 121 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant accordingly has amended claim 95 to include the limitations of claim 99, amended claim 104 to include the limitations of claim 107, and have amended claim 120 to include the limitations of claim 121. Applicant will submit a Supplemental Reissue Declaration to overcome the remaining rejection under 35 USC § 251 as soon as the signed Declaration is received from the inventor. In view of the changes to the claims and the submission of the supplemental declaration, applicants believe that all outstanding rejections have been eliminated and that this application may proceed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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